



# When You Have Experienced Pregnancy Loss, Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Neonatal Death ... The Hygeia Foundation Can Help You Today [www.hygeia.org](http://www.hygeia.org) (1.800.893.9198)

On behalf of the Hygeia Foundation, please know how sorry I am about your loss. The Hygeia Foundation involves the inevitable sadness and futility of a child's death before and after birth and the inability for many families to find access to maternal and child health services which can serve to reduce these losses. The Hygeia Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization whose mission is to comfort those who grieve the loss of a pregnancy or newborn child, to address disparities in access to healthcare services for medically and economically underserved families and to provide advocacy and resources for maternal and child health. When you Join Hygeia's [Online Community](#), you will be able to participate in an exchange of stories and thoughts on message-boards and in a private, international e-mail community of more than 25,000 families who have experienced the grieving of a failed pregnancy, fetal demise, stillborn infant, perinatal, neonatal and early childhood loss, genetic abnormality leading to pregnancy termination or who are trying to conceive after a loss. The families of Hygeia know your pain and believe:

*"...strangers we may be, but yet we are connected by a common thread the loss of a child and that makes us all soulmates."*

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- Providing solace and bereavement for parents whose children have died before and after birth.
- Improving access to healthcare for women and teens when they are in need a doctor or a referral to a "center of excellence".
- Educating professionals who care for families who have experienced perinatal loss and childhood death.
- Serving as a portal to perinatal loss and women's healthcare information and portal to women's to current research initiatives into the causes of miscarriages and stillbirths.
- Funding burial and memorial programs for families in need.
- Bridging humanism and technology by embracing art, literature and poetry.
- Committing its resources and mission to underserved, vulnerable and disadvantaged women, children and families
- Seeking philanthropic donations to:
  - ...Develop and implement its unique programs
  - ...Fund in-kind programs in patient care and basic science research related to Perinatal Health and Loss
  - ...Support public health initiatives to reduce perinatal and neonatal morbidity and mortality so as to improve the health of medically and economically disadvantaged families.

*"...The woman conceives. As a mother she is another person than the women without child. She carries the fruit of the night in her body. Something grows. Something grows into her life that never again departs from it. She is a mother. She is and remains a mother even though her child dies, though all her children die. For at one time she carried the child under her heart. And it does not go out of her heart ever again. Not even when it is dead..."*

*Author unknown*



## **PARENTHOOD LOST**

*Healing the Pain  
after Miscarriage  
Stillbirth  
and Infant Death*

*Companion book to Hygeia  
by Michael R. Berman, M.D.*

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